

Did You Know

Texas provides

Volunteer Firefighters

Fire Science Tuition Exemptions

Am I eligible?

To qualify you must be serving and have served for at least one year as an active member of an organized volunteer fire department participating in the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System

AND have met one of the following:

A. Have an Accredited Advanced Level of Certification or Equivalent successor certification under the State Fire Fighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas

OR

B. Have Phase V (Firefighter II) certification or an equivalent successor certification under the Texas Commission on Fire Protection's Voluntary Certification Program.

This tuition exemption covers tuition and lab fees for any courses or curriculum related to "fire science" including: Fire Service, Emergency Medicine, Emergency Management, and Public Administration.

Thinking of taking a class? If you meet the eligibility requirements listed on the left, check with the university, college, or junior college on how to apply for this benefit. Be sure to mention the "firefighters taking fire science courses exemption."

Note:

As a student you will still be responsible for paying any general or administrative fees billed as part of enrollment in a college, university, or community college program.

You do not have to be working towards a college degree in order to receive this benefit.

For a detailed list of Texas Colleges, Universities, and Community Colleges that have fire Science curriculum and courses, please visit:

<http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectid=E9397461-9BE3-8D0F-B4A33448B557C55A>

Links to Resources:

Government Code: <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm#54.353>

Administrative Code: [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=19&pt=1&ch=21&sch=Z&rl=Y](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=19&pt=1&ch=21&sch=Z&rl=Y)

SFFMA Website: <https://www.sffma.org/>

TCFP Website: <http://www.tcfp.texas.gov/>

NFPA Website: <http://www.nfpa.org/>